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SUBJECT: VIOLENCE STATISTICS

REF: (A) BELFAST 304 (B) BELFAST 301

1. AT WEEKLY SECURITY MEETING STORMOUNT AUGUST 31
SECURITY FORCES SPOKESMEN REVEALED LATEST FIGURES FOR
ARRESTS AND DISCOVERIES OF TERRORIST EQUIPMENT:
(A) CHARGES SO FAR THIS YEAR ON SERIOUS OFFENSES 789.

(B) IN PAST WEEK 32 PEOPLE CHARGED WITH SERIOUS OFFENSES
INCLUDING SEVEN FOR MURDER, FOUR ATTEMPTED MURDER AND
15 WITH FIREARMS AND EXPLOSIVE OFFENSES.

(C) TWENTY WEAPONS AND 228 POUNDS OF EXPLOSIVES SEIZED OR
DEALT WITH IN PAST WEEK.

2). IN INDIRECT REPLY TO CRITICISM LEVELED BY PADDY DEVLIN
OF SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC AND LABOUR PARTY OF VOLUME OF FIRE
BOMBINGS ON "UNPROTECTED" HOMES, CHIEF CONSTABLE REPORTED
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INTENSE POLICE ACTIVITY IN THIS SPHERE. HE NOTED THAT FIRE

BOMBINGS DIRECTED AGAINST MEMBERS BOTH COMMUNITIES AND THAT THREE PEOPLE BEING QUESTIONED IN CONNECTION WITH ATTACK THAT KILLED (CATHOLIC) FAMILY OF THREE (REFTEL B).

3. IN SEPARATE UNOFFICIAL REPORT IT REVEALED SHOOTING INCIDENTS BELFAST, MOSTLY DIRECTED AGAINST SECURITY FORCES, HAD DOUBLED TO 180 IN AUGUST. ONE POLICEMAN KILLED AND NINE SOLDIERS INJURED. THERE WERE 57 BOMBINGS IN BELFAST IN AUGUST AS COMPARED TO 28 IN JULY. CONGEN HAS NO OFFICIAL STATISTICS BUT BELIEVES PATTERN INCREASED VIOLENCE PREVAILS GENERALLY THROUGHOUT PROVINCE WITH SUBSTANTIAL INCREASE IN PROVISIONAL IRA ACTIVITY IN LONDONDERRY CITY AND COUNTY AND LURGAN. ONE BRIGHTER SIDE IS DECLINE SECTARIAN ASSASSINATIONS "MURDER TRIANGLE" AREA REFLECTING SUCCESS OF ROYAL ULSTER CONSTABULARY IN ARRESTING MEMBERS PROTESTANT PARAMILITARY GROUPS.

4. FIVE PEOPLE FROM NORTHERN IRELAND BEING QUESTIONED BY GARDAI AUGUST 30 (REFTEL A) RELEASED AUGUST 31.
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